

**OHMVR DIVISION  
GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS PROGRAM**

**2008 DRAFT REGULATION HIGHLIGHTS**

This regulation package was developed with considerable stakeholder input. Through focus group meetings and applicant consultation, the draft regulations have been crafted to be more responsive to the needs of applicants, OHV enthusiasts, environmental community and land managers. In short, the Division has listened, and we hope this will be evident as you review the draft regulations.

Below is a list of a few of the change:

**Condensed Regulation Format**

The new regulation format has been streamlined to eliminate redundancy and provide a condensed resource to assist applicants. Of course the Division staff will continue to be available throughout the application process to assist applicants.

**Grants Cycle**

The grant cycle is timed to allow for grants to be awarded in advance of the applicants' fiscal year, enabling applicants to better budget and plan their projects.

The draft regulations identify a four month grant application cycle with a preliminary filing mid-way through the process. This preliminary application is an initial version of the final application containing key items that will allow for:

- An opportunity for the public to review and comment early in the process
- The opportunity for the applicant to update their application based on public and Division input, and
- A stronger more competitive and responsive final application.

**Nonprofit Applicants**

In addition to Education and Safety Projects, the role of nonprofits in the program has been expanded to include maintenance and restoration activities. Nonprofits applicants are limited to those having 501(c)(3) status.

**Law Enforcement**

In cooperation with the eligible law enforcement applicants, the regulations have been developed to provide proportional law enforcement funding based upon the applicants' demonstrated relative need. Law enforcement grants will be awarded on a non-competitive basis allowing all eligible applicants to receive funding.

## **Funding Caps**

The funding caps have been adjusted. The Restoration project category has no maximum funding request. The following table identifies the funding caps for the various categories.

Category	Project type	Minimum per project	Maximum per project type	Category total
<b>O&amp;M</b>	GO	\$10,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
	Development	\$10,000	\$1,000,000	
	Planning	\$10,000	\$1,000,000	
	Acquisition	\$10,000	\$1,000,000	
<b>Restoration</b>		\$10,000	No maximum	No maximum
<b>Law Enforcement</b>		\$10,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Education and Safety</b>		\$10,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

## **Operation and Maintenance Funding Category**

The Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funding category which receives 50% of the available funding has been divided into four subcategories. The funds within the O&M category are proportioned to ensure the funding results in “on the ground” work and that existing OHV areas receive the funding necessary to maintain the trails, areas and facilities.

The subcategory funding is as follows:

1. Ground Operations (GO) at least 70% of the available O&M funding
2. Development up to 10% of the available O&M funding
3. Planning up to 10% of the available O&M funding
4. Acquisition up to 10% of the available O&M funding

## **On-Line Grant Application (OLGA)**

The Division is developing an on-line grant application tool. OLGA will allow for:

- A centralized source for public review and comment,
- Grantee access to project history and accounting information, and
- Multiple people, at various locations, working on an application will be able to access the document on-line via a password.

## **Draft Soil Standards**

The Draft 2008 Soil Conservation Standards and supporting 2008 Soil Conservation Guidelines are included in this regulatory process.